

NORTH SIDE MEN DINE

AND CRACK UP THEIR ALLIANCE AT THE SCHORER CLUB.

Mayor Strong Hears What a Good Man He Is and Responds by Telling What Good He Has Done for the City.

The North Side Board of Trade held its second annual dinner at the Schorer Club, Third avenue and 163rd street, last night, and invited the Mayor of three cities and some other prominent officers and men interested in north side development to be guests at the festive board. The President of the organization, John C. De la Vergne, being ill at Thomasville, Ga., Vice-President Fordham Morris presided. With him at the speakers' table were Mayor Strong, Council Clerk Henry D. Purroy, Mayor Edson Lewis of Yorkers, Mayor Pease of Mount Vernon, Tax Commissioner James L. Wells, Alderman W. M. K. Olcott, the Rev. Dr. F. M. Cleland, Comptroller A. P. Fitch, and the Rev. Father Patrick M. Tandy.

At an adjoining table was the faithful Job Hedges among other prominent citizens members of the Board.

Mr. Morris, in introducing Mayor Strong to respond to the toast, "The City of New York," referred to the Mayor as a careful man, who always brought his feet with him.

Mr. Morris spoke of the bills Mayor Strong had signed which benefited the north side, naming the Concourse and the 149th street opening bill, and said that this showed what the Mayor thought of that part of the city.

"I didn't know until I heard what your President said that I really had done so much for this section. His words sort of set me thinking that when my term is up you gentlemen ought to present me with a residence here. But I'll tell you right now that you needn't offer it, you can expect me to accept it."

"There is no such of this city that we have to call it New York. I am sure that there is no gentleman here who does not feel as much at home on the Battery as on the north side. We do not need the appellation north side to let us know that it is New York. Without the north side the city would not be so great."

"I have been made to feel to-night that next to being born in Ohio is being born on the north side."

The Mayor referred to the time forty years ago when he drove his first horse on the north side of New York, and continued:

"There are many things to be said for this city, and I don't think of many things to be said against it. We are monopolizing capital and old as well as new money. The money makers in New York who control as much money as any bankers in Europe, and the day is not far off when the money makers in New York will equal the financial strength of any city of Europe."

"Our mercantile establishments are not equal anywhere in the world. One establishment here does more business than any other mercantile establishment in any city on the face of the globe."

Our museums and hospitals, the Mayor said, were the best in the world. Believe, he said, had not his equal anywhere. There were some things about New York that were not equal anywhere.

"But I think," said Mayor Strong, "that the financial department of this city is the equal of any financial department in the world."

There was a great deal of cheering at this statement, but the Mayor had one of his jokes left in his sleeve. In preparation, he said, for saying something about the north side, meaning that he "spoke entirely in jest."

As he continued to speak, he said that as soon as he could he would like to see the money makers in New York who control as much money as any bankers in Europe, and the day is not far off when the money makers in New York will equal the financial strength of any city of Europe."

The Mayor's auditors accepted his joke and laughed as long as they could. He continued:

"I believe that the financial department of this city is the equal of any financial department in the world."

"I am all of the opinion that when the business men of New York get their heads together and decide that they will have a city government free from politics, they will then have the best city government in the world."

Mr. Purroy received a hearty greeting when he was introduced and responded to the toast: "The North Side."

"Mr. Chairman," I noticed that the envelope in which the Mayor's letter to me to-night, printed on its surface a picture of the north side, and I noticed that the picture was a section of our present metropolis which stretches northward and eastward beyond the limits of Manhattan Island, and which contains more than two-thirds of New York city's population, 1,000,000 people."

"I first moved from the lower part of the city into this district, then a portion of the city, and I have lived here ever since. I vividly recall in imagination its wild, rustic, undeveloped condition at that time—its houses of wretched wood, its streets unpaved, and its unpaved, and until, and contrast it with the city which has since sprung up like a giant, and which has before them a grand destiny which is almost impossible to overestimate. I am proud to think that the city of New York has been in some small degree at least closely identified with the marvelous growth, intelligent advancement, and progress of the city."

"In 1870 the city of New York had a population of 1,000,000 people. In 1880 it had a population of 1,500,000 people. In 1890 it had a population of 2,000,000 people. In 1900 it had a population of 2,500,000 people. In 1910 it had a population of 3,000,000 people. In 1920 it had a population of 3,500,000 people. In 1930 it had a population of 4,000,000 people. In 1940 it had a population of 4,500,000 people. In 1950 it had a population of 5,000,000 people. In 1960 it had a population of 5,500,000 people. In 1970 it had a population of 6,000,000 people. In 1980 it had a population of 6,500,000 people. In 1990 it had a population of 7,000,000 people. In 2000 it had a population of 7,500,000 people. In 2010 it had a population of 8,000,000 people. In 2020 it had a population of 8,500,000 people. In 2030 it had a population of 9,000,000 people. In 2040 it had a population of 9,500,000 people. In 2050 it had a population of 10,000,000 people. 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